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In re Patent Application of:
Satoshi Kanazawa et al.

Application No.: 10/591,993

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Art Unit: 1633

For: TRANSGENIC NONHUMAN MAMMAL
REPRESENTING THE PATHOLOGIC
CONDITIONS OF HUMAN RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS

Examiner: S. Long

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, enclosed herewith is a RCE timely filed in response to the final Office Action dated July 10, 2009, with September 10-12 being a Saturday, Sunday and a federal holiday, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.